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SUBJECT : MAJOR PROJECTS: CHASMA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

REFERENCE : STATE 093857

1. EMBOFFS CALLED ON PAKISTAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (PAEC) CHAIRMAN MUNIR KHAN APRIL 21 WITH REFERENCE TO QUESTION POSED REFTEL. KHAN REPORTED THAT TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR CHASMA HAVE NOT YET BEEN RELEASED AND WOULD NOT BE UNTIL FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT HAD BEEN ARRANGED. ASKED ABOUT FINANCING, KHAN ANSWERED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING ON WITH A FRENCH SUPPLIER, FRAMATOM (WESTINGHOUSE LICENCES) BUT WERE FAR FROM FINAL. KHAN ALSO MENTIONED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE GOING ON WITH THE GERMAN FIRM, KRAFTWERKE UNION, BUT DISCOUNTED THESE EFFORTS BECAUSE GERMANS WISHED TO SELL A 900 MEGAWATT REACTOR RATHER THAN THE 600 MEGAWATT REACTOR WHICH PAKISTAN DESIRES. HE ALSO MENTIONED ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH AN UNSPECIFIED JAPANESE FIRM. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE STILL HOPED TO OBTAIN HELP FROM SOME RICH MIDDLE EAST OIL COUNTRY.

2. KHAN STRESSED THAT PAKISTAN HAD TO BUILD THE CHASMA PLANT. THE COUNTRY, HE SAID, HAD NO ALTERNATIVE GIVEN ITS LIMITED HYDROELECTRIC POTENTIAL AND GAS RESERVES AND THE HIGH COST OF IMPORTING PETROLEUM. THE FACT THAT TUNNEL  
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DIFFICULTIES AT TARBELA DAM MAY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF GENERATORS FROM TWELVE TO EIGHT ONLY MADE THIS ALL THE MORE

IMPERATIVE. HE ALSO MENTIONED A RECENT HIGH-LEVEL (ECNEC)  
GOP DECISION APPROVING THE PROJECT, AND THAT THE NEW GOP  
FIVE-YEAR PLAN, TO START JULY 1, 1976, INCLUDED PROVISION  
FOR CHASMA.  
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